Cuba Invites Newsmen of U.S. to Fete

The Cuban government has invited American news organizations to send reporters to Cuba to cover the 26th of July celebration.

Premier Fidel Castro himself signed the cabled invitations, which said the reporters could come as guests of the Cuban government or under "other arrangements."

The welcoming of United States journalists to Cuba represents a sharp departure from past Cuban policy of keeping all but a favored few out.

The move is apparently part of Castro's newly launched campaign for normal relations with the United States and the Organization of American States.

The Washington Post was among those receiving invitations. Other invitations reportedly went to:

New York Herald Tribune, New York Post, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Baltimore Sun, Philadelphia Inquirer, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Atlanta Constitution, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Christian Science Monitor, Chicago Sun-Times, Des Moines Register and Tribune, Wall Street Journal, Milwaukee Journal, Minneapolis Tribune, Long Beach (Calif.) Independent, Detroit Free Press, New Orleans Times-Picayune, Providence Journal, Denver Post, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the weekly newsmagazines Time and Newsweek and the monthly publication War-Peace Report.